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Attached is the Response to USPTO Office Action mailed on August 26, 2005.

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Examiner Fischer,

May we schedule a phone call so that the inventor can determine if the response is in the appropriate format and addressing the objections and concerns in the USPTO Office Action? Please call (408) 757- 5862 with the time and date convenient for you.

Thank you,


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Title: Private Exchange Catalog System and Methods

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Inventor: Norman Ken Ouchi

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Issues

Action is Final

Claims 18-35 are pending.

Claims 18-35 are rejected.

Claims Rejections

Claims 18-23 are rejected because the claims do not produce a useful result

Claims 18-35 are rejected as failing to distinctly claim the subject matter

Claims 18-35 as understood are rejected as anticipated by Peterson et al U.S.P
6,324,522

The inventor sincerely appreciates the comments, suggestions, and reference
material provided by the examiner.

An updated summary of the invention and new claims are attached.

Claims are grouped: 36-42, 43-49, 50-55 where claims 36, 43, and 50 are
independent claims.

Respectfully Submitted



Norman Ken Ouchi

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) uses an Electronic Manufacturing Service (EMS) provider to manufacture a product at one or more EMS sites using components purchased from suppliers. The OEM provides documents that describe a product to be manufactured. The documents include a Bill of Material (BoM), the list of OEM component item identifiers and quantities and an Approved Manufacturing List (AML), the cross reference of an OEM item identifier to one or more supplier item identifiers. In the present invention, a catalog provides the cross references for the OEM item identifier, EMS private exchange item identifier, EMS site item identifier, and supplier item identifier. A first process using the catalog translates and validates the item identifiers in the OEM BoM and AML to generate a BoM and AML with EMS private exchange item identifiers. A second process using the catalog translates and validates the BoM and AML with EMS private exchange item identifiers to a BoM and AML with EMS site item identifiers for use at an EMS site to describe the product to be manufactured.